

## COLUMBIA, PA., FLOOD.

The Worst in Recent Years Being Experienced There.

Ice Jammed Against the Bridge Extending From the Columbia Shore and Piled About Eight Feet Above Its Floor.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 27.—Residents along the river front at Columbia were in a state of terror Wednesday night. The worst flood in recent years is being experienced. The ice on the Susquehanna broke about 4 o'clock between Columbia and Marietta and passed down stream until it reached the old dam just below Columbia, where a jam formed. Then the water began to back up and in a short time had risen eight or nine feet. At 6 o'clock the rise was not so rapid, but it continued at an alarming rate and the flood is still spreading. By 7:30 o'clock the water had entered the boiler room of the electric light plant, drowning the fires and leaving the town in darkness Wednesday night. The tracks of the Columbia & Port Deposit railroad at some places were submerged and piled with ice. The large sand dredging trestle has been washed away and water surrounds the city pumping station and Brunner's lumber yards. If the rise continues at the present rate the lace mills will be damaged and the two rolling mills of the Susquehanna Iron Co. put out of operation. In the darkness and confusion it is impossible to ascertain the full extent of the damage.

The Conestoga is pouring a great volume of water into the river at Safe harbor. This stream is higher than it has been for 35 years. It tore away part of the large dam at Slack Water and damaged the electric light plant at that place, which supplies Lancaster, to such an extent that the streets of this city were dark Wednesday night.

At 9:30 o'clock Wednesday night water was pouring over the great steel bridge of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., which spans the Susquehanna from Columbia to Wrightsville.

At midnight the river was still rising. Ice had jammed against the bridge extending out from the Columbia shore to one-fourth of its length and is piled about eight feet above its floor.

## AMERICAN-GERMAN LEAGUE.

Object is to Promote Mutual Understanding Between the Two Nations.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—Prominent merchants, sociologists and educators of Germany will be among the members of the proposed American-German league for the preservation and promotion of mutual understanding and friendly relations between Germany and the United States, for the formation of which steps have already been taken. The principal mission of the association will be to foster the expansion of commercial relations between Germany and the United States, and thus to counteract the existing misunderstandings between the two countries.

## HAS HYDROPHOBIA.

Night Watchman of Galesville, Wis., Sent to the Asylum.

Lacrosse, Wis., Feb. 27.—News comes from Galesville of the commitment of Ernest Olson, night watchman of that village, to the Mendota asylum. Olson has hydrophobia the result, it is alleged, of a bite on the hand by Henry Binker, whom he was seeking several days ago to arrest for being drunk. Olson paid no attention to the wound until his friends noticed its seriousness and Tuesday, in a fit of mania, he stripped off his clothes on the public square and ran about town until captured.

Booker Washington Calls on Roosevelt. Washington, Feb. 27.—Booker T. Washington, the president of the Tuskegee institute, Tuskegee, Ala., was at the white house Wednesday and had a conference with President Roosevelt lasting 15 minutes. It is stated that political matters were not touched on.

## Moore Troops Leave Cuba.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The war department received a telegram announcing the departure Tuesday of the 3d squadron of the 8th cavalry from Neuvas, Cuba, with 17 officers and 297 enlisted men, for Ft. Riley, Kansas. There are at present in the island about 4,000 men.

## In Memory of Victor Hugo.

New York, Feb. 27.—Exercises commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Victor Hugo were held Wednesday in the Horace Mann school, more than one thousand persons being present. Prof. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton university, presided.

## Hospital Flooded.

New York, Feb. 27.—Floods have greatly interfered with traffic on the Long Island railroad. In Brooklyn the hospital for contagious diseases, on Kingston avenue, was flooded, there being six feet of water in the engine room.

## President Going Fishing.

New York, Feb. 27.—President Roosevelt has decided to spend a week in April trout fishing in the Allegheny mountain streams in Garrett county, Maryland, 60 miles west of Cumberland.

## FIRE AT A MINE.

Four Men Killed and a Dozen Injured, Three Probably Fatally.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 26.—Four men lost their lives and a dozen others were injured, three probably fatally, in a fire of unknown origin, which destroyed the building and bunk house of the Standard mine at Mace, Ida., shortly after midnight Monday.

Sixty men were asleep in the two buildings when the fire was discovered in the second floor of the boarding house. The alarm was quickly given, but the flames spread with such rapidity that all escape was cut off except through the windows. Most of the injured were hurt while making their escape in this manner, though several were badly burned. It is supposed that the men who lost their lives became confused by the fire and smoke in the hallways and were unable to find a window. Their bodies have been recovered.

## INDIANS QUARANTINED.

Diphtheria Is Prevalent Among the Pueblo Tribe.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 26.—Owing to the prevalence of diphtheria among the Pueblo Indians, Superintendent C. J. Crandall, of the United States Indian school, has proclaimed a general quarantine against the Pueblo Indians and has warned them from coming into any of the towns or American settlements. He has telegraphed the interior department for authority to procure antitoxin for use among the Pueblos in their 20 or more villages. In northern Taos county scores of Mexican children have died of diphtheria in the past few weeks.

## THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

A Detachment of Troops Will Be Sent to the Islands Soon.

Washington, Feb. 26.—It has been practically decided that the formal ceremonies incident to the taking over of the Danish West Indies by the United States shall be performed by the army, and it is probable that a detachment of troops from Porto Rico will be sent to the islands soon after the exchange of ratifications of the treaty to raise the flag and formally take possession of the new territory. While not definitely determined, it is stated here that the islands will be placed with Porto Rico under the control of Gov. Hunt.

## SHOT THROUGH A WINDOW.

A Wealthy Farmer, Near Keokuk, Ia., Assassinated.

Keokuk, Ia., Feb. 26.—Wm. Mullikin, a very wealthy farmer living near here, was assassinated Tuesday night, being shot in the head by an unknown person as he was talking to his wife at their home. The murderer stood on the porch and fired one shot from a revolver through a window. The whole city and the adjacent country are excited over the mysterious crime. There is no clue to the identity of the assassin, and no motive for the crime is known. No attempt was made to rob the house.

## SAWED THEIR WAY OUT.

Three Prisoners Escaped From the Stockade at Cordova, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 26.—Frank Edwards, alias Frank Randolph, alias "Bloomington Red," and two other prisoners—J. H. Johnson and Henry Watkins—escaped from the stockade of the Hand Lumber Co. at Cordova early Tuesday morning by sawing their way through heavy iron bars. Edwards was serving a term of 25 years for assisting in the robbery of the Standard Oil Co.'s safe. Edwards once escaped from the Kansas penitentiary and repeated the act at Frankfort, Ky., where he was serving time for safe blowing.

## Plead Guilty to Embezzlement.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 26.—Herbert C. Pierson, former postmaster at Louisville, Ill., pleaded guilty in the United States district court to embezzling post office funds and was sentenced to two years in Chester penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$3,440. The amount embezzled was \$1,200.

## Drank Wood Alcohol.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 26.—A special from Fayetteville says: News has reached here that three men at Westville, I. T., drank wood alcohol, as the result of which George Stokes, of Springfield, is dead, Abe Smiley is totally blind and the third victim is in a precarious condition.

## The Mysterious Woman Identified.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—The mysterious woman inmate of the Kankakee insane asylum who gave her name as Frances Agnes Ross when she arrived in Chicago from Portland, Ore., and who was adjudged insane last Christmas, has been identified as Miss Rosa McDonald, a member of a prominent Boston family.

## Mrs. Anna Hart Dead.

New York, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Anna Hart, on whom William Schreiber, the bank clerk of Elizabethport, N. J., squandered \$128,000 he had stolen from his bank, died of consumption Tuesday at the home of her friend, Miss Josephine Bennett.

## Not Ready to Surrender.

London, Feb. 26.—The colonial secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, in the house of commons, Tuesday informed a questioner that Lord Milner had not received a communication from Gen. Botha offering to surrender.

## VIOLENT STORMS.

Shipping at San Francisco Tossed About Like Eggshells.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—One of the heaviest southwest storms that has been experienced in many years struck this city Tuesday morning. The wind attained great velocity, blowing 45 miles an hour in the city, while at Point Reyes it reached 60 miles at 7:30 o'clock. Ships dragged their anchors or broke their moorings at their docks, a fishing boat was capsized, the telephone and electric wires were down and shade trees and fences were wrecked and pedestrians were greatly inconvenienced.

Telegraphic communication with the outside world was cut off. The full force of the storm was felt on the bay and the bar was so rough that vessels were unable to leave port.

North of the ferries craft of all sorts was tossed about like egg shells. The violent south wind stirred the bay into a rolling tempestuous sea, against which anchors were almost futile. Swell after swell, each apparently heavier than the one preceding, pounded the vessels from the southerly direction and sent them drifting in dangerous proximity to one another, drove them close to the piers and to the islands and kept the tow boats busily engaged in efforts to prevent disaster.

The transport Solace, with nothing but 300 tons of coal to keep her down, broke from her anchorage off Beale street and careened about the bay like a drunken sailor. She drifted broadside on until a collision with the government steamer Albatross seemed imminent, but she veered off in the nick of time. The wind and the swell caused her to drift helplessly, sending her finally toward the transport wharf at Folsom street. The officers of the service gathered on the pier fully expecting the Solace to crash into the wharf. Fortunately the direction of the swell carried the transport around until she just cleared the buffer and swung out into the stream. The transports Hancock and Rosecrans, which arrived from Manila Monday night, remained in the stream. No effort was made to land their passengers. The San Francisco lightship No. 7, located seven miles from Point Lobes, parted her moorings during the height of the storm, and was soon drifting towards the harbor, which she finally made. At the time she went astray the wind was blowing at the rate of 70 miles an hour.

Three three-story houses were blown down in the Mission district. The gale as it swept over the Presidio reservation left in its trail wreck and ruin. The signal officers of the reservation say that at one time during the morning the wind was blowing at the rate of 60 miles an hour. Dozens of tents were wrenched from their positions and after being carried high in the air were landed yards away, where they were afterwards gathered up by the rain soaked soldiers who had fought so hard to save them. The majority of the tents simply collapsed under the pressure of the wind.

## FLOOD AT ROANOKE, VA.

The Lowlands South and West of the City Are Submerged.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 26.—The rains of the last few days and the melting snows in the mountains have swelled the volume of water in Roanoke river and other streams near this city, until they are veritable torrents. The lowlands south and west of the city are submerged and the street cars are unable to use some of their suburban lines. The tracks of the Norfolk & Western railway are said to be covered with water west of Roanoke and it is understood that the tracks of the Roanoke & Southern and Shenandoah Valley roads are under water. The passengers on the Roanoke & Southern were brought to the city on street cars which met the trains at the west-outs.

## THE WIDOW AND CHILDREN.

Capt. Bennett Provides For the Family of the Man He Killed.

Marquette, Mich., Feb. 26.—Capt. Samuel S. Bennett, superintendent of the steel trust mines in the Crystal Falls district, who was acquitted on the charge of manslaughter, has provided for the wants of the family of the man Finley, whom he killed. Finley was the city pound master and was shot in self-defense by Bennett during a quarrel over the impounding of a cow. Bennett sent for three leading citizens and said he had decided to do something for the widow and three children. He left the fixing of the amount to them. The decision was that the captain should pay the widow \$3,600—\$600 for her support and \$1,000 each for the children. This he has done.

Secretary Hitchcock Will Not Resign. Washington, Feb. 26.—W. Scott Smith, secretary to Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, denied the reports that Mr. Hitchcock contemplates resigning from the cabinet. The denial is by authority of Secretary Hitchcock.

Business Portion Partially Burned. Dallas, Tex., Feb. 26.—A special from Thurber, Tex., says fire destroyed the greater portion of the business district of that town, causing a loss of \$100,000. The loss is covered by insurance to the extent of 75 per cent.

## Indicted For Bribery.

St. Louis, Feb. 26.—Edward Butler, St. Louis' most prominent democratic politician, was indicted Tuesday by the February grand jury for attempted bribery in connection with the city garbage reduction contract.

## WHAT THE DOCTORS FIND.

Gleanings from Medical Fields—Items of Information—Some Singular Cases.

By Geo. Thos. Palmer, M. D.

Really pure water does not exist. As near as we can get to it is rain water; but the rain gathered in the air even on the tops of mountains and far from civilization contains some impurities.

A sanitarium for consumptives has been established in which the patients live in tents so constructed that they cannot be entirely closed up.

It has been found that mud in drinking water has its advantages. The mud overcomes foul odors in the water and helps destroy many impurities.

London has been suffering from an epidemic of smallpox almost as severe as that of 1893.

An outbreak of the plague at Naples has brought forth a series of orders from the health authorities. It is interesting to note that there is hardly an order which is not the same as was issued during the plague of 1656, the edicts of Alexander VII.

A number of deaths have recently occurred in Rochester, N. Y., from ptomaine poisoning from canned oysters. "Ptomaines" are the poisons generated by germs of bacteria. It must be borne in mind that disease and death are not caused so much by the bacteria themselves as by the toxins or poisons which they produce.

There are 491 mineral springs in the United States selling water for medicinal purposes. One hundred and seventy-three of these springs reported the sale of 13,344,708 gallons of water, valued at \$2,001,600.

A case is reported by a French surgeon of the complete removal of the larynx for cancer. An artificial larynx was devised, so perfect that the voice was entirely regained.

Ipecac given in fairly large doses will cause nausea and vomiting, while in small doses will stop nausea.

Chickenpox is very frequently mistaken for smallpox. A mild attack of the latter is often very hard to differentiate from a severe attack of the former, even by the most skilled diagnostician.

G. P. Conn reports a severe fracture of the skull followed by practical blindness. On operation some small pieces of bone were removed from the optic nerve. The patient had some difficulty in focusing his eyes for two weeks, but later recovered fully.

Skin grafting has always been regarded as a most interesting part of surgery. There are various methods. The one now most popular is the removal of healthy skin by means of the very sharpest razor, making an effort to get the thinnest layer that can be obtained. It is taken in very small pieces and scattered over the surface

## Prejudice Against Insurance.

There is still a prejudice against life insurance among certain classes of religious people, on the ground that such provision betrays a lack of trust in Providence. Such assumption is the basis of a blazing pamphlet which has just reached us, in which the author argues from three texts in the Sermon on the Mount, that the principles of life insurance "comes from the father of lies—the arch fiend—who delights to get God's people off the right lines by trying to make out that God is a liar." He says: "Will God look after your family after you are dead?" (We cannot reproduce the pamphlet's variety of

on which the new skin is wanted. The cells begin to proliferate from these little islands of skin and growing in all directions finally come together and form a perfect skin. This process is often used after severe burns in which the skin is destroyed over a large area. The skin is taken from a healthy part of the patient's own body or from the body of some friend or some one hired for the purpose.

It has been found that iodoform is a dangerous drug to use on large open surfaces and wounds. Several cases of amputations were dressed with large amounts of iodoform, and later the patients developed delirium and died. The deaths were attributed to shock, although they did not occur for from five to six days after the operations. It has recently been discovered that the iodoform dressings were the cause of death.

Edeboh's has advocated quite a radical change in medical procedure, in advising operation upon the kidney in case of Bright's disease. Bright's disease is an inflammation of the kidney and has been a common cause of death in men over 40.

An attempt has been made to prevent typhoid fever by a typhoid serum similar in principle to the antitoxine of diphtheria. So far the results have not been satisfactory.

The principle on which vaccination acts in the prevention of smallpox does not seem to be fully understood by the public at large. It is known that after an attack of smallpox (as in the case of many other diseases) the patient is not susceptible to a second attack, on account of a certain power or property of immunity which they have attained. Whether the first attack uses up that element within the body which is susceptible to the disease, or whether the first attack leaves within the system something antagonistic to the disease, is not fully understood; but the latter is probably true, for the immunity acquired by the first attack of a given disease, does not protect from other diseases. Vaccina, or cowpox, seems to be a bovine form of smallpox, and when the human is inoculated he actually goes through an attack of smallpox, but one pustule developing, and that at the site of vaccination. The immunity, however, of a regular attack of smallpox is given to him who is vaccinated.

A man in New York was badly injured in a street car accident and shortly afterward died from "quick" consumption. The court declined to hold the railway in any way responsible for the death from consumption, although suit was brought on that ground. A tuberculosis was a germ disease, caused usually by the inhalation of the germs, the evidence was lacking to show how the street car accident could have had anything to do with the death.

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Of course, the same argument would prove the wickedness of all investments—even of the laying in of coal against the winter. And general experience has shown that Providence does not interpose miracles to save the idle and careless from the consequences of their folly, even when those consequences have to be borne by others as well.—London Chronicle.

## Practically Superstitious.

He—Are you superstitious about opals?  
She—Well, I think it's unlucky to lose a chance of getting one.—Philadelphia Press.

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